

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method includes determining, at a network operator, a location of a mobile station, determining if the location of the mobile station indicates that the mobile station may gain access to another allowed network operator and, if so, transmitting a message to the mobile station for assisting the mobile station in gaining access to the other, allowed network operator. If the location of the mobile station indicates that the mobile station may not gain access to another allowed network operator, the method further transmits a message to the mobile station for inhibiting background scanning by the mobile station. The message preferably includes information that is descriptive of a frequency on which the mobile station may receive a transmission from the other, allowed network operator.

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